

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2012**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-six (26).

Supervisor White thanked Clerk Wright for chairing the Work Study meeting yesterday in his absence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the agenda. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes March 5, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 6, 2012, as amended; approve the reappointments of Charles Coleman, Harold Gant, Ralph Nodwell and Mark Duff and the appointments of Kim Nofz and Tammy Wall to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2013.] Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor White stated at the April 2, 2012 Work Study there will be a presentation by Code Red.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ostrowski moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2012-05 authorizing the submission of the Grant Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and committing to the local match of \$116,380 from the Sewer and Water Fund should the grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund be successful. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Partridge moved, Hart seconded to approve the Lawn Maintenance contract with Gonczy's Property Maintenance, LLC for the 2012 season with an option to extend for two additional seasons at the Township's option and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute on behalf of the Township; in the amount of \$58,800 for the 2012 season. Carried.

Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the first reading of General Ordinance 03-20-2012, an ordinance to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren by adding a Cemetery Ordinance. Carried.

*(A synopsis of [Ordinance 03-20-12](#) follows the minutes. A complete copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2012-06 the request from Sesame Stix, Inc. to transfer stock in a 2011 Class C license, located at 45915 S. I-94 Service Drive, Van Buren Township, Wayne County (China King restaurant). Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the Lawn Fertilization and Weed Control contract with TruGreen of Ypsilanti to apply fertilizer and weed control to Township owned properties as listed in the specifications and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute on behalf of the Township; this contract is for three (3) years in the amount of \$4,705 per year. Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to award the contract for the 2011 Water Main Project to D.V.M. Utilities in the amount of \$467,147.25; to approve a ten percent contingency to be used at the recommendation and approval of the Director of Public Works to address any unforeseen conditions. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the March 20, 2012 voucher list. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Hart, Wright and White. Nays: Budd. Absent: None. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor White gave an update on the unaudited 2011 Budget. There was discussion by the Board and audience regarding the 2011 and 2012 Budgets in particular the Public Safety Department Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright made the following announcements: Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 6th; Yard Waste pickup begins on your regular trash day beginning the week of April 2nd; annual cemetery cleaning will begin on March 20th and will run through April 15th at the four township cemeteries. New items may be displayed beginning April 22nd. The four township cemeteries are Tyler, Otisville, Denton and Soop. For further information contact the DPW Leader, Jeff Fondaw at 734.699.8925 extension 9228.

Director Wright announced the Hoppin' Hullaboo will be held on April 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Also, the Spring/Summer Recreation brochure is now available. Director Wright thanked Account Clerk Tina Harman putting the Recreation brochure together. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:55 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Public Safety Department; Trustees Hart, Jahr and Ostrowski along with Public Safety Director will meet to look at number of Police Officers needed for Township; Trustee Jahr requested a formal opinion regarding the Purchasing Policy; acknowledged Directors for reduction of Budget; local businesses; Township attorney; Public Safety Budget; pay rates for electrical inspectors used by Township; sirens for weather warning; Code Red; Computer Use Policy; cost of attorney investigation; Belleville Lake Ski Club donation to Van Buren Schools Education Foundation from the Frozen Leprechaun fundraiser; blended rate employees; Fire Department; four open Collective Bargaining Agreements/Contracts; Cemetery Advisory Committee; Treasurer Budd requested attorney's opinion for allegation statement by the Supervisor during the last Board meeting regarding change to Computer Use Policy is against state law; DTE Smart meter; Nixle.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Ostrowski seconded to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____